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AUGUST 1 BILATERAL MEETING WITH CHINESE

1 (C) CHINESE VICE PREMIER/FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN QICHEN HAS AGREED TO A BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY ON AUGUST 1 IN BRUNEI. ON THE MARGINS OF THE ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM (ARF) SECURITY DIA OGUE MEETING THIS WILL BE THE FIRST CHANCE FOR US TO REENGAGE WITH THE CHINESE AT A HIGH LEVEL SINCE THE VISIT TO THE U.S. OF LEE TENG-HUI
(PR)

4WC ROUND UP

2 () REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS SMITH HAS INTRODUCED LEGISLATION LINKING U.S . PARTICIPATION IN THE WOMEN S

CONFERENCE TO A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE RELEASE OF DETAINED U.S. CITIZEN HARRY WU. SENATOR DOLE IS EXPECTED TO INTRODUCE A SIMILAR MEASURE NEXT WEEK IN OTHER NEWS, A DEAL WAS STRUCK AT THE ECOSOC CONFERENCE IN GENEVA THIS WEEK WHEREBY THE CHINESE DELEGATION AGREED TO THE ACCREDITATION OF THE NGO "HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA, IN RETURN FOR AGREEMENT THAT ECOSOC WOULD NOT CONCUR WITH THE
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RECOMMENDATION TO ACCREDIT TWO OTHER GROUPS WITH TIBETAN RIGHTS AGENDAS. THE CHINESE ARE STILL EXPECTED TO REFUSE VISAS TO THE CONFERENCE TO PARTICIPANTS FROM GROUPS THEY OPPOSE. ON LOGISTICS, THE CHINESE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (COC) HAS STILL NOT ISSUED GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS ON HOW TO REGISTER EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE. HOTEL CONFIRMATION LETTERS NECESSARY FOR VISA ISSUANCE, HAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN TO BE ISSUED BY THE COC. CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR THOSE PLANNING TO LEAVE EARLY ON BUSINESS OR FOR TOURS. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT THE DURATION OF THE VISAS FOR THE CONFERENCE WILL BE RESTRICTED TO 25 DAYS, A LIMITATION WHICH WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR THOSE PLANNING TO VACATION IN CHINA AFTERWARDS.
(HRB)

MFN PASSES IN THE HOUSE

3 (LOU) THE BEREUTER/PELOSI/WOLF BILL, DESIGNED TO ALLOW

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CONGRESS TO EXPRESS ITS ANGER TOWARD CHINA OVER HUMAN RIGHTS NON-PROLIFERATION. AND OTHER ISSUES WITHOUT REVOKING MFN, PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY, 416-10. THE SUBSEQUENT MOTION TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION TO DISAPPROVE MFN ALSO PASSED BY A LARGE MARGIN 321-107. THE FOCUS OF THE ACTION NOW SWITCHES TO THE SENATE. SENATORS FIENGO AND HELMS HAVE INTRODUCED A MEASURE CALLING FOR THE REVOCATION OF CHINA'S MFN STATUS. AT THIS POINT WE DO NOT THINK IT WILL GO ANYWHERE. WE MAY SEE, HOWEVER, UNHELPFUL AMENDMENTS TO VARIOUS SENATE BILLS CALLING FOR FUND CUTOFFS FOR THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE UNLESS HARRY WU IS

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RELEASED, OR AMENDMENTS CALLING FOR REVOCATION OF MFN TO PUNISH CHINA FOR ARMS SALES TO PAKISTAN OR IRAN.
(MWM)

DESTINATION OF M/V JUNG SHENG NO 8 STILL IN DOUBT

4 (C) THE PRC HAS REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE REPATRIATION OF THE CHINESE NATIONALS ABOARD THE ALIEN SMUGGLING BOAT JUNG SHENG NO. 8 FROM ANY COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED

STATES. AS A RESULT OUR INITIAL PLANS TO TAKE THE MIGRANTS TO KWAJALEIN IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS HAVE BEEN SCRAPPED. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE ASKED THE CHINESE TO RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION AN INTERAGENCY GROUP IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING WHERE ELSE WE CAN TAKE THE MIGRANTS WITHOUT AFFORDING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLAIM ASYLUM IN THE U.S. THE MOST PROBABLE DESTINATION AT THIS POINT IS WAKE ISLAND. THE CHINESE DECISION WAS CLEARLY INTENDED AS ANOTHER SIGNAL OF DISPLEASURE OVER THE LEE TENG-HUI VISIT TO THE U.S. (PAN) TALBOTT

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